

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 1 sheet of drawings includes a new Fig. 2 showing an additional generator
30.

Attachments: One Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Further, the abstract of the disclosure is objected because the term “the or each” should be changed to “each.” In addition, the title of the invention was objected to for not being descriptive. Claims 13 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Claims 13 to 23 and 25 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,376,827 issued to Hines (Hines). Claim 24 was rejected 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hines in view of US Patent Publication No. 2005/0039437 to Lair (Lair).

A new Fig. 2 is proposed, with corresponding specification amendments. Claims 13, 17, 19 to 24 and 26 have been amended. Claims 15, 16, 18 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

A new Fig. 2 is submitted based on the disclosure at [0017] and [0024], and an appropriate minor amendment is attached. Acceptance and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested

Objections to the Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected because the term “the or each” should be changed to “each.”

Applicants have amended the abstract as suggested by the Examiner and have replaced the term “the or each” with the term “each.”

Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested.

The title of the invention was objected to for not being descriptive.

Applicant have amended the title of the invention to title being clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 13 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have changed the limitation “the or each” in the claims to “the at least one” according to the Examiner’s suggestions. Claim 24 has been amended for clarity.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, thus is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 13 to 23 and 25 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hines.

Hines does not teach or show “a fan module having at least one fan and a fan flow channel, a part of the gas flow from the fan module passing to the at least one compressor and another part of the pass flow passing to the fan flow channel and bypassing the at least one compressor to define a bypass gas flow, the at least one generator being positioned downstream from the at least one fan such that the free-running generator turbine is driven by the bypass gas flow” as now claimed.

Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 13 to 23 and 25 to 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) thus is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hines in view of Lair.

In view of the amendment to claim 13, withdrawal of the rejections of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) thus is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request such action. If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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